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TAGS: CASC, CDES, UK  
SUBJECT: BUS CRASH AT OSWESTRY

REF: HANCOCK/CELLA TELCON

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1. A BUS CONTAINING 41 US CITIZENS ON A TWA GETAWAY TOUR  
CRASHED WITH A TRUCK AT 14.25 LOCAL TIME NEAR OSWESTRY,  
SALOP, ENGLAND, NEAR THE WELSH BORDER. INITIAL REPORTS  
INDICATE THREE DEAD AND THIRTEEN INJURED. SIX OF THE  
INJURED WERE TREATED AT COPTHORNE HOSPITAL NEAR SHREWS-  
BURY AND HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED. THE CONDITION OF THE  
OTHER SEVEN, BEING TREATED AT OSWESTRY ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL  
IS STILL UNKNOWN.

2. UNOFFICIAL REPEAT UNOFFICIAL REPORT IDENTIFIES THE  
THREE DEAD AS: EVERETT G. ARDEN OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS,  
ILLINOIS; MYRTLE LORD; AND CLAYTON HOLLAND. MR. ARDEN  
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE IRENE ARDEN WHO SUFFERED  
BROKEN COLLARBONE BUT WAS TREATED AND DISCHARGED AT  
COPTHORNE. NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS OF NOK OF THE OTHER TWO  
DEAD PRESENTLY UNKNOWN.

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3. THE INJURED TREATED AT COPTHORNE ARE IDENTIFIED UN-  
OFFICIALLY AS FOLLOWS:  
IRENE ARDEN, 3350 NORTH CARRIAGE WAY DRIVE, ARLINGTON  
HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60004  
MILDRED WOEHRE, 6642 56TH AVENUE, MASPETH, NEW YORK 11378  
MARGARET MINNIS, 57-29 64TH STREET, MASPETH, NEW YORK  
11378

MARGARET ALEXANDER, 36 ALLENBROOK COURT, TOWSON, MARYLAND  
21204

ANNETTE WHISTLER, 237 OAK TREE DRIVE, GLENDORA, CALIF.  
91740

WAYNE WHISTLER (HUSBAND OF ANNETTE) 237 OAK TREE DRIVE,  
GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA 91740

ALL THE ABOVE, EXCEPT MRS. ARDEN WITH BROKEN CLAVICLE,  
WERE TREATED ONLY FOR CUTS AND BRUISES AND HAVE BEEN DIS-  
CHARGED.

4. EMBASSY IN CONTACT WITH OSWESTRY ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL  
WHERE THE SEVEN MORE SERIOUSLY INJURED ARE BEING TREATED,  
HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED COMPILING A LIST OF  
NAMES AND THEIR CONDITION.

5. SURVIVORS AND ANY INJURED NOT REQUIRING HOSPITALIZA-  
TION WILL BE TAKEN TO HILTON HOTEL AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON  
THEIR ORIGINAL DESTINATION, TEL: STRATFORD (0789) 67511.

6. CONOFF AND LOCAL CONSULAR ASSISTANT ON WAY TO STRAT-  
FORD TO SPEAK WITH SURVIVORS AND WILL THEN CONTINUE TO  
OSWESTRY.

7. EMBASSY EXPECTS OBTAIN FULL LIST OF PASSENGERS WITHIN  
NEXT HOUR AND WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT SOONEST.

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